

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-23 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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24. **(Amended)** A container, comprising:
a storage vessel with an interior compartment, and an access opening at one end;
a removable end cap releasably and mechanically coupled to the storage vessel and operable to close the access opening;
a first flange extending from an outer surface of the storage vessel, the first flange being sized to cooperate with a corresponding second flange extending from an exterior surface of the end cap; and
a generally rectangular first stacking lug having a generally cylindrical, tubular interior diameter operable to receive the storage vessel therein.

25. The container of Claim 24, further comprising a first backing ring having an opening configured to receive the storage vessel therethrough, the backing ring contacting a side of the first flange opposite the access opening and being operable to provide support to the first flange.

26. The container of Claim 24, further comprising a first backing ring having an opening configured to receive the end cap therethrough, the first backing ring contacting a side of the second flange opposite the storage vessel and being operable to provide support to the first flange.

27. The container of Claim 25, further comprising a second backing ring having an opening configured to receive the end cap therethrough, the second backing ring contacting a side of the second flange opposite the storage vessel and being operable to provide support to the first flange.

28. The container of Claim 24, wherein the storage vessel is formed from extruded, high-density polyethylene.

29. The container of Claim 24, wherein the stacking lug is formed from rotationally molded, cross-linked, high density polyethylene.

30. The container of Claim 24, further comprising a manual pressure relief valve operable to create a path of fluid communication between the interior compartment and ambient environment.

31. The container of Claim 24, wherein the first stacking lug comprises:
a housing with an opening disposed therethrough, the housing having a first face and a second face opposite the first face; and
a first protrusion on the first face of the housing.

32. The container of Claim 31, further comprising a cavity on the second face adapted to receive a second protrusion of similar size and configuration as the first protrusion, to form a releasable nested fit between the second protrusion and the cavity.

33. The container of Claim 31, wherein the first face is adapted to cooperate with a third face of a separate component of similar size and configuration as the container, such that force from the weight of the separate component is transferred from the third face to the first face when the component is stacked upon the container.

34. The container of Claim 24, wherein the storage vessel and removable end cap are operable to form a pressure vessel.

35. The container of Claim 24, wherein the interior compartment is adapted to receive a round of ammunition therein.

36. **(Amended)** The container of Claim 24, further comprising a lever clamp assembly being operable to couple the end cap and the storage vessel.

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37. The container of Claim 24 wherein the stacking lug is permanently affixed to the storage vessel.

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